

**Village of Empire
Water Committee
March 09, 2022**

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

Members present: Rademacher, Palmer, Barr.

- President Davis and water chair Rademacher sat down with Martin Graf and Mark Hurley of Gosling Czubak on March 2nd to review the conclusions from the water rate study. Rate recommendations are (attached).
- Gosling Czubak presented an updated 5- and 20-year capital improvement plan (attached).
- Upon request, Gosling Czubak also prepared an alternative scenario which used residential rates of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons and a base rate of \$55.00. Committee noted that these rates may not properly cover the cost of service of the Water Department.
- Gosling Czubak will come to a meeting in April to present the information and why a rate increase is necessary.
- Committee questioned if a tiered rate system is possible.
- The committee discussed performing a water rate study on an annual basis to ensure the Village is on track.
- Other items on the rate schedule to evaluate are the late fee and water hookup fee of \$1,600.
- The proposed CIP and rate recommendations will be attached to these minutes and distributed to Council for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Alacia Acton